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- Two law enforcement officers were injured and a man died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, after an incident that shut down 1 of south Florida's busiest expressways for about 5 hours. – *NewsCore* (See item [14](#))
- An underground plume of toxic petrochemicals spreading from Suncor Energy's oil refinery in Commerce City, Colorado, is complicating a \$211 million upgrade at the adjacent Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. – *Denver Post* (See item [25](#))
- A government building in Waterbury and two schools in Newington and Manchester, Connecticut, remained closed May 11 as authorities investigated suspicious white powders mailed with threatening letters. – *Associated Press* (See item [33](#))
- An apparent tornado hit Weimar, Texas, damaging a hospital, derailing 25 cars of a freight train, and injuring 8 people in a high school parking lot. – *Associated Press* (See item [37](#))
- The FBI was looking into 3 white powder scares in Portland, Oregon, with the substance and threats sent to a port, hotel, and shopping mall. – *KPTV 12 Portland* (See item [52](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. ***May 11, Wilkes-Barre Citizens Voice*** – (Pennsylvania) **Five spills reported at gas pipeline sites.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was monitoring a series of drilling mud spills at a natural gas pipeline installation, the Wilkes-Barre Citizens Voice reported May 11. Chief Gathering LLC, recently bought out by PVR Partners, hired contractors to install a pipeline to connect natural gas wells in Susquehanna County to the Transco interstate pipeline in Dallas Township. Since May 1, there have been 5 spills of more than 6,000 gallons of water containing bentonite, a type of clay used in drilling operations, at two different Dallas Township sites: Leonards Creek and Upper Demunds Road and Goodleigh Road, according to a report from the DEP. May 10, crews sucked up the mud at the Upper Demunds Road site using vacuum trucks. In one spill, bentonite got into a creek, and in another the muddy water was lost in wetlands.
Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/five-spills-reported-at-gas-pipeline-sites-1.1313538#axzz1uZ3jG4O0>
2. ***May 11, CNN*** – (National) **EPA to remove vapor-capturing rubber boot from gas pump handles.** The U.S. Presidential Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced May 10 they intend to phase out the rubber boots on gas pump handles now used to capture harmful gasoline vapors while refueling cars. The EPA said the vapor-capturing fuel pumps are redundant because more than 70 percent of all cars on the road today are equipped with on-board systems that capture the harmful vapors. According to the EPA, 31,000 affected gas stations in mostly urban areas where smog is a problem will each save \$3,000 apiece once the ruling is fully implemented. The most obvious gas vapor recovery system for drivers is the rubber boot at the end of the fuel pump nozzle that fits directly over the gas tank opening. When drivers refuel, gas vapors can escape and contribute to smog and harmful air pollution. To combat the release of these vapors, most gas stations have installed special gas pump nozzles that include the rubber boot to block vapors from escaping. The EPA said the rubber fittings will be phased out as part of the new rule. The Administration said in a statement it hopes the May 10 move will save consumers and businesses almost \$6 billion in the next 5 years.
Source: <http://www.koco.com/news/politics/EPA-to-remove-vapor-capturing-rubber-boot-from-gas-pump-handles/-/9843896/13066998/-/v8mpha/-/>
3. ***May 10, Associated Press*** – (Wyoming) **Mechanical failure blamed for Wyo. well blowout.** State oil and gas regulators were blaming mechanical failure for a natural gas well blowout in eastern Wyoming in April, the Associated Press reported May 10. The Casper Star-Tribune reported an investigation by the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission also found workers at the rig failed to properly engage part of the wellhead apparatus. The blowout of the Chesapeake Energy Corp. natural gas

well near Douglas occurred April 27. The well vented about 2 million cubic feet of gas and up to 31,500 gallons of oil-based drilling “mud” over nearly 3 days before Chesapeake and its contractors were able to control it. The oil and gas commission report said the integrity of the well itself was not compromised and the wellhead parts involved were being examined.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-05/D9UM28IO0.htm>

4. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Three critically injured in refinery fire.** The initial investigation into a flash fire that critically injured three workers at the Sinclair oil refinery near Rawlins, Wyoming, found the workers were wearing special fire resistant clothing, but details on what might have caused the fire were not yet available, the Associated Press reported May 10. The State Occupational Safety and Health Administration was investigating the May 8 incident. Several fires occurred at the refinery in 2011, and while no injuries were reported, some interrupted refinery operations. Two men remained in critical condition May 9. A statement from the company said the fire occurred in a gas recovery unit, which separates a gas mixture into various fuels, including propane, butane, and gasoline. The company said there appeared to be little or no damage to the facility although the gas recovery unit involved was shut down during the investigation.

Source: <http://www.chem.info/News/2012/05/Safety-Three-Critically-Injured-in-Refinery-Fire/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *May 11, Associated Press* – (National; West Virginia) **Panel: Chemical industry needs guidance in choosing processing methods to reduce hazards.** The chemical industry needs guidance in choosing alternative processing methods to reduce or eliminate hazards, a national panel said in a report released May 11. U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules require chemical firms to follow certain procedures to ensure manufacturing processes are safe. However, the report by the National Research Council said the industry lacks common practice protocols and understanding to identify safer processes. It recommends the U.S. Chemical Safety Board or another entity develop a plan to help chemical plant managers choose alternative processes to reduce or eliminate hazards. The report said current protocols do not always provide clear guidance, citing the “inherently safer process” method as an example. The report said switching to a non-flammable solvent in a process could remove a fire hazard. But, if the solvent is toxic, a new hazard is created. Congress ordered the study after a 2008 explosion at BayerCropscience’s plant in Kanawha County, West Virginia, killed two workers. The explosion occurred near a storage tank containing methyl isocyanate, a highly toxic chemical known as MIC. The tank was not damaged and the chemical was not released. Bayer took steps to reduce risks associated with MIC manufacturing and storage. However, it did not incorporate all possible methods to control hazards, the report said.

Source:

<http://www.threpublic.com/view/story/6da293e868e2452480b666aa521f16a7/WV--Chemical-Safety/>

6. ***May 10, KMA 960 AM Shenandoah; KMA 99.1 FM Shenandoah*** – (Iowa) **Chemical spill north of Orient.** Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials said a sprayer containing more than 1,200 gallons of farm chemicals and water accidentally rolled off the shoulder of a highway in Adair County May 9. The accident involved an Agriland FS sprayer. Officials said about 600 gallons of product were recovered. Some reached the south side of the highway where tile intakes discharge into Shanghi Creek, a tributary to the East Nodaway River. Field tests, the morning of May 10 1 mile downstream indicated less than 10 parts per million of ammonia. The creek is full and flowing fast, so either the ammonia is diluted or it has not reached 1 mile down the creek yet. DNR officials said a dam was constructed in the ditch where a culvert crosses the road. The product mixed with water was pumped out.

Source: http://kmaland.com/04686_Chemical_spill_north_of_Orient_142027.asp

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. ***May 10, U.S. Department of Transportation*** – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Ford Expedition, F-150, Mustang, and Lincoln Navigator reverse indicator lights.** Ford announced May 10 the recall of 10,500 model year 2011-2012 Ford F-150, 2012 Expedition and Lincoln Navigator, and 2012-2013 Mustang vehicles, for failing to comply with federal motor vehicle safety standards. These vehicles may have a transmission range sensor (TRS) calibrated out of specification for reverse gear. If this condition exists, the transmission may not go into reverse, or when the driver pushes the shift lever in the reverse “R” position and the vehicle’s transmission does go in reverse, the “R” may not illuminate on the dashboard of the F-150, Expedition, or Navigator models and/or the backup lamp on the rear of the F-150, Expedition, Navigator, or Mustang vehicles may not illuminate. These conditions increase the risk of a crash or a pedestrian being struck due to the vehicle’s not signaling it is in reverse. Ford will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the TRS as necessary.

Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=12V190000&summary=true&prod_id=1420768&PrintVersion=YES

8. *May 10, Homeland Security News Wire* – (National) **Business continuity preparedness.**

Many organizations are struggling to manage data in hybrid physical, virtual, and cloud environments; many still use multiple tools, which are likely to be spread across multiple sites, with just over a third (36 percent) managing three or more different solutions to protect critical data, according to Homeland Security Newswire May 10. Despite 2011 experiencing record levels of environmental, economic, and political upheaval, the 2012 Acronis Disaster Recovery Index findings from the industrial sector revealed that only 53 percent of respondents were confident they could recover quickly in the event of a disaster. Nearly half (45 percent) of those surveyed cited lack of budget and IT resources as their key challenges in data recovery. One in 10 (11 percent) said they spend nothing on backup and disaster recovery, and a quarter stated they do not have sufficient support from senior business executives. In a highly competitive sector where tolerance for downtime is extremely low, only 45 percent said they would not suffer substantial downtime in the event of a serious incident or natural disaster.

Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/srdisasters20120510-only-half-of-industrial-firms-confident-they-could-recover-quickly-from-disaster>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *May 11, Defense News* – (National) **Cyber sharing program formally expanded.** The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and DHS announced May 11 the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) Cyber Pilot program will be opened to all eligible DIB companies. The program, an information exchange arrangement that allows intelligence agencies to share threat information with companies, and companies to share information on attacks with some liability protections, was started in June 2011. It initially included about 20 volunteering companies. Defense officials previously said they intended to increase the number of companies to more than 200, but the announcement means the program will be open to any company in the industrial base that can meet certain minimum requirements and that chooses to join. Specifically, the company must handle DOD information or have access to a DOD network and demonstrate a basic level of information security.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/article/20120511/DEFREG02/305110001>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *May 11, Orange County Register* – (California; Arizona) **SEC charges Irvine investment firm with fraud.**

Investors who lost \$91.6 million betting on an apartment investment firm were outraged when its operators started a new venture along the same lines but failed to mention their prior company had gone bust. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said the second venture was “defrauding potential

investors,” according to a suit the agency filed May 10 in Orange County, California, seeking financial penalties and repayment of any “ill-gotten gains.” The SEC case was filed against three individuals, who formed Apartments America in September 2009 to solicit backers to invest in apartment buildings in California and Arizona. Beforehand, two of the men were co-owners of the failed Pacific Property Assets (PPA), which had filed for bankruptcy 3 months prior to Apartments America’s formation. According to a SEC news release, the men misrepresented that they had created more than \$100 million in net equity and falsely represented to potential investors that they were managing a portfolio valued at more than \$200 million.

Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/sec-353697-investors-apartments.html>

11. ***May 11, Associated Press – (National) 2 Tenn. men charged in \$45 mil mortgage scheme.*** Two Tennessee men were charged in a mortgage fraud scheme that prosecutors say totaled \$45 million in losses and involved victims in five states. A report in the Chattanooga Times Free Press said the men were arraigned May 10. Both men were indicted on 12 counts, including conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering and fraud against a financial institution. Court documents allege that fraudulent transactions took place in Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, and California.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/05/11/state/n091911D37.DTL>

12. ***May 10, Associated Press – (National) Deutsche Bank pays \$202M in NY mortgage fraud deal.*** Deutsche Bank agreed to pay \$202 million to settle civil fraud charges brought by the U.S. government over the practices of a subsidiary it acquired 5 years ago, authorities announced May 10. A federal judge in New York approved the deal. Under the agreement, Deutsche Bank AG admitted it did not follow all federal housing regulations when it made substantial profits between 2007 and 2009 from the resale of risky mortgages through its subsidiary MortgageIT. According to the agreement, Deutsche Bank admitted it was in a position to know MortgageIT’s operations did not conform fully to all of the government’s regulations, policies, and handbooks. MortgageIT was a Federal Housing Administration lender operating with government oversight for almost a decade. The lawsuit said Deutsche Bank and MortgageIT failed to comply with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development rules regarding required quality control procedures, and then lied about their purported compliance.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-05/D9UM3VQ00.htm>

13. ***May 10, Internet Crime Complaint Center – (National) IC3 2011 Internet Crime Report released.*** The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) May 10 released its 2011 Internet Crime Report — an overview of the latest data and trends of online criminal activity. According to the report, 2011 marked the third year in a row the IC3 received more than 300,000 complaints. The 314,246 complaints represent a 3.4 percent increase over 2010. The reported dollar loss was \$485.3 million. In 2011, IC3 received and processed, on average, more than 26,000 complaints per month. The most common complaints received in 2011 included FBI-related scams — schemes in which a criminal poses as the FBI to defraud victims — identity theft, and advance-fee fraud. The report also lists States with the top complaints and provides loss and complaint

statistics organized by State. It describes complaints by type, demographics, and State.
Source: <http://www.ic3.gov/media/2012/120511.aspx>

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Transportation Sector

14. *May 11, NewsCore* – (Florida) **Man dead, 2 officers wounded after Florida expressway shooting rampage.** Two law enforcement officers were injured and a man died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after an incident on one of south Florida's busiest expressways May 10. The incident began when a man staged a carjacking in Miami, a FBI spokesman said. He then robbed a barber shop in Broward County, fired a weapon, and stole a second car that he crashed into another vehicle on Florida's Turnpike. An off-duty Key Biscayne police officer stopped to give aid, but the man shot her in the face. She was taken to a hospital and was in stable but critical condition. The shooter then walked along the expressway armed with a gun, witnesses said. He was confronted by an agent from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE), who was also shot. The agent's injuries were reportedly not serious. The gunman then shot himself. With reports of a second suspect, traffic on the Turnpike was at a standstill for about 5 hours as police from four counties, the Broward Sheriff's Office, and ICE searched the area.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/05/11/man-dead-two-officers-wounded-after-florida-expressway-shooting-rampage/?test=latestnews>
15. *May 10, FairWarning* – (National) **U.S. scales back railroad safety rules.** The White House announced May 10 that it will scale back federal rail safety rules spurred by a 2008 train collision in the Chatsworth section of Los Angeles that killed 25 people and hurt 135 others. The administration said it will slash by 10,000 miles the amount of railroad track that must be covered by systems that can override human error and automatically put the brakes on trains about to collide or derail. Known as Positive Train Control (PTC), the high-tech systems previously were projected to cover an estimated 70,000 miles of track used by trains carrying passengers or extremely hazardous materials such as chlorine. The safeguards were due to be installed by the end of 2015 under legislation passed by Congress in response to the deadly head-on, Chatsworth train crash. Over 20 years, the Transportation Department said, the regulatory change will save railroads up to \$775 million, reducing the overall cost of installing and operating PTC over that period to about \$12.3 billion. Metrolink, operator of the commuter train that was involved in the head-on collision with a freight train in the deadly 2008 California accident, has become a leading advocate of PTC.
Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_20598367/u-s-scales-back-railroad-safety-rules

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Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *May 10, KTVX 4 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Police arrest man accused of stealing mail.** Police in Centerville, Utah, arrested a man accused of stealing mail including credit cards and bank account numbers May 10. The suspect was accused of stealing mail in Centerville, Bountiful, and from the east side of the Salt Lake Valley. He allegedly used a drill to get into large blue post office drop boxes. Centerville police found the suspect walking on the street May 10. Officers said they searched him because he looked suspicious. Officers found several items of mail, which did not belong to him. Police said they also found more stolen mail in the suspect's car.
Source: http://www.abc4.com/content/news/top_stories/story/Police-arrest-man-accused-of-stealing-mail/6p1eS-wzM0CMs5oLFEvDuQ.cspx

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *May 11, Food Safety News* – (California) **10 infected with Campylobacter from raw milk in California.** At least 10 people infected with Campylobacter in California reported drinking Organic Pastures raw milk prior to becoming ill, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) said May 10. Raw milk, raw skim milk, raw cream, and raw butter produced by the Fresno County dairy were recalled and were subject to a quarantine order imposed by the California State veterinarian. She issued the quarantine order after Campylobacter was detected in Organic Pastures raw cream, the news release said. Organic Pastures was linked to several past outbreaks of pathogen infection and recalled its unpasteurized dairy products for fecal-pathogen contamination in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2011. In its news release, the CDPH said it identified 10 people with Campylobacter infection linked to Organic Pastures milk from January through April 30. This is the sixth outbreak in the United States associated with unpasteurized dairy products since the start of 2012.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/10-infected-with-campylobacter-from-raw-milk-in-california/>

18. *May 11, Food Safety News* – (Indiana) **Hepatitis A alert for restaurant diners in Indiana.** People who ate at the Lone Star Restaurant in Evansville, Indiana, from April 27 to May 3 may have been exposed to the hepatitis A virus, according to a news release May 10 from the Vanderburgh County Health Department. County officials said they were working with the Indiana State Department of Health in investigating a case of hepatitis A in a food worker at the restaurant, which is located in the Eastland Plaza Shopping Center in Evansville. Public health officials said they were working to secure vaccine to offer to anyone who ate at the restaurant from April 27 to May 3 and will release information on immunization clinics when they receive the vaccine.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/hepatitis-a-alert-for-restaurant-diners-in-indiana/>

19. *May 11, Occupational Health and Safety* – (Georgia) **Feed supplier fined \$157,500 after worker trapped in cotton bin.** Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) cited Ware Milling Co. Inc. for 30 safety and health violations at the company's Waycross, Georgia, facility, Occupational Health & Safety reported May 11. Proposed penalties total \$157,500. The OSHA initiated an inspection in November 2011 after receiving a complaint that a worker entered a milled cotton seed bin without preparation and appropriate equipment and became trapped and hung from a lanyard for a lengthy time. Two willful safety violations include failing to perform lockout/tagout procedures for the energy source of the screw auger when workers are inside the bins and to have a stationed observer who can provide emergency assistance. The citations carry penalties of \$77,000. Twenty-four serious safety and health violations carried penalties of \$79,800. Four other-than-serious health violations penalties total \$700.

Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2012/05/11/feed-supplier-fined-157500-after-worker-trapped-in-cotton-bin.aspx?admgarea=news>

20. *May 11, Food Safety News* – (National) **Spore culture pinpointed as tempeh Salmonella contaminant.** North Carolina's Department of Public Health laboratory confirmed May 10 the ongoing Salmonella Paratyphi B outbreak linked to Smiling Hara unpasteurized tempeh was caused by contaminated packages of spore culture used in the product's fermentation process. At least 63 people in 4 states were sickened in the outbreak. According to the Buncombe County Department of Health, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was tracing the origin of the culture to identify the source of the contamination. The FDA was also investigating the potential for other outbreaks linked to the culture.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/spore-culture-pinpointed-as-tempeh-salmonella-contaminant/>

21. *May 11, Frederick News-Post* – (Maryland) **Ammonia spill disrupts operations at brewery.** An ammonia spill temporarily halted brewing at the Flying Dog Brewery in Frederick, Maryland, May 10, but operations got back under way several hours later. The Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services said crews shut off valves outside the building and controlled the flow of ammonia, which is used in refrigeration. Crews evacuated the building. After verifying that the ammonia was shut off, a HAZMAT team ventilated the building. Workers re-entered the building and resumed brewing about 4 hours later, said a brewer and cellar technician with the brewery.

Source:

<http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?StoryID=135594>

22. *May 10, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Pennsylvania firm recalls chorizo product due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.** Euro Foods, Inc., which also does business as Citterio USA Corp., a Freeland, Pennsylvania establishment, recalled about 5,156 pounds of a chorizo product because of misbranding and an undeclared allergen. The product contains soy protein, which is an allergen that is not declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced May 10. The product was distributed to retail establishments and wholesale distributors in Florida, Maryland, Michigan,

New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, and Texas. The problem was discovered by FSIS personnel during a routine food safety assessment and may have occurred as a result of a change in the ingredient formulation of a spice mix used in the product.

Source:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_028_2012_Release/index.asp

23. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Coast Guard rescues 3 after fish boat ammonia leak.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) said it medevaced three crew members from a Bering Sea fishing vessel that reported an ammonia leak. A Petty Officer 3rd Class said the trio from the 218-foot catcher-processor Alaska Juris were reported in good condition May 10 after they were reportedly exposed to the ammonia. He said a USCG helicopter flew them to Cold Bay, where an airplane was waiting to fly them to Anchorage. There were 49 people aboard the vessel. The Alaska Juris reported the ammonia leak May 10. The USCG said crew members were able to go back inside the vessel, and the Seattle-based ship was headed back to Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2018185580_apakfishingvesselammo_nialeak2ndldwritethru.html

24. *May 10, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Wisconsin-based food and beverage manufacturer for repeat safety hazards at Flemington, NJ, facility.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Kerry Ingredients & Flavours Inc., headquartered in Beloit, Wisconsin, for three repeat violations at its Flemington, New Jersey facility, the U.S. Department of Labor reported May 10. Proposed penalties total \$50,000 following an inspection conducted under OSHA's Site-Specific Targeting Program for industries with high injury and illness rates. The violations involved amputation and laceration hazards due to a lack of lockout procedures for the energy sources of specific equipment and the improper adjustment of bench rests and guards on a bench grinder. Similar violations were cited at the company's Chicago facility in May and October 2008. Kerry Ingredients & Flavours Inc. manufactures cereal, soft drinks, and seasonings.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22386

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Water Sector

25. *May 11, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Colorado wastewater project at risk from Suncor refinery toxic plume.** An underground plume of toxic petrochemicals spreading from Suncor Energy's oil refinery in Commerce City, Colorado, is complicating a \$211 million upgrade at the adjacent Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. State authorities

ordered Suncor the week of May 7 to do more to contain the plume as it approaches an excavated area at Metro Wastewater. A recent groundwater test detected cancer-causing benzene, raising concerns the plume could be moving in new directions and prolong one of the Rocky Mountain region's longest-running industrial cleanups, and delay the wastewater upgrade. A letter from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to Suncor directed the firm to install more monitoring wells around what inspectors believe is the edge of the plume so it can be tracked more carefully. The Metro Wastewater project is designed to remove ammonia and nitrates from Denver's treated wastewater before it is discharged back into the South Platte River — part of \$1.2 billion in improvements. CDPHE's water-quality division required the improvements to meet standards set by the federal government by 2015. The toxic plume appears to have approached the excavated area but has not entered it, a Metro Wastewater spokesman said. Suncor officials said May 10 they will comply.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/environment/ci_20597653/colorado-wastewater-project-at-risk-from-suncor-refinery

26. *May 11, Carbondale Southern Illinoisan* – (Illinois) **Water main bursts.** The Marion Public Works commissioner announced there was a water main rupture May 10 in Marion, Illinois. The city was unsure of what caused the break but said crews were working to extend a high pressure gas main. About 200,000 gallons of water spilled before crews were able to shut down the damaged segment. A number of businesses were without water and a boil order was in place to the west and north of Sinclair Drive. Due to the amount of soil washout, the commissioner said it would take a considerable amount of time to repair the site.
Source: http://thesouthern.com/news/local/water-main-bursts/article_53264370-9b1d-11e1-87f9-001a4bcf887a.html
27. *May 11, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Lantana water customers under a boil-water order.** Lantana, Florida water customers were under a boil-water order for a minimum of 72 hours following a break in the main service line, according to a precautionary notice posted on the city's Web site May 10. The utility began repairing the break in the service line resulting in the loss of service to customers on Hypoluxo Island, The Beach, and E. Ocean Avenue. Once tests show the water is safe for human consumption, the utility will issue an official notice lifting the boil-water requirement.
Source: http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_c_palm_beach_county/lantana-water-customers-under-a-boil-water-order
28. *May 10, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Alaska) **Alaskan city agrees to extensive sewer system upgrade in federal settlement.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced in a news release May 10, Unalaska, Alaska, will undertake a major upgrade of its municipal sewage treatment plant under a settlement of a Clean Water Act enforcement action filed against the city and state by the Department of Justice on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Under the proposed settlement, Unalaska will spend at least \$18 million to upgrade its treatment plant over the next 3 years to meet the requirements of its current National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The city also committed to adhere to fecal coliform limits 50 times more stringent than the current permit's. The June 2011 lawsuit alleged the city

continually violated its NPDES permit by discharging pollutants into South Unalaska Bay in excess of discharge permit limits. According to monitoring reports, Unalaska's treatment plant had more than 5,500 violations of permit limits between October 2004 and September 2011, including discharges of fecal coliform bacteria that were often more than double the permit limit. The city will also pay a \$340,000 penalty for past NPDES permit violations.

Source: http://www.waterworld.com/index/display/news_display/1663748193.html

29. ***May 9, WSB 2 Atlanta*** – (Georgia) **Clayton County Water Authority fined again for sewage leak.** The Clayton County, Georgia Water Authority (CCWA) is facing another big state fine after raw sewage leaked into local creeks, WSB 2 Atlanta reported May 9. A proposed State order followed a string of nearly 2 dozen sewage spills that could cost customers \$15,000. The sewage spills by the CCWA over the last year into several waterways led the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to propose a fine. The authority blames the leaks on tree roots and grease buildup in the pipes. The authority claimed they spend millions of dollars every year on an aggressive maintenance program and actively looks for leaking sewer lines. Despite the spills, the water authority's maintenance program is ranked among the best in the State and has won several industry awards.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/clayton-county-water-authority-fined-again-sewage-/nNztD/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. ***May 11, Salt Lake Tribune*** – (Utah) **Fire evacuates senior housing complex in downtown Salt Lake City.** Firefighters evacuated the elderly and handicapped residents of a Salt Lake City senior citizen housing complex May 10 after flames from a cooking mishap erupted inside a 10th-floor apartment. More than 150 residents — some in wheelchairs and several with impaired vision — were evacuated from the 15-story Senior Multi-Ethnic Housing building. Many residents had to be carried by firefighters out of the building, a Salt Lake City Fire Department spokesman said. All residents were allowed back into their apartments, except four whose units were uninhabitable, according to the Utah chapter of the American Red Cross.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/54087875-78/residents-fire-salt-asay.html.csp>

31. ***May 10, Associated Press*** – (Kansas) **Johnson County sees outbreak of whooping cough.** Health officials in Johnson County, Kansas, said May 9 the county has seen an outbreak of whooping cough in 2012. The county said 70 confirmed or probable cases of whooping cough were reported in the county in 2012. The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment said people who have regular contact with infants should get a Tdap vaccine. Health care providers were being urged to consider the possibility of whooping cough when evaluating patients with a serious cough.

Source: <http://www.ksn.com/news/state/story/Johnson-County-sees-outbreak-of-whooping-cough/NuVxBncp5kOhu1Thefo50Q.cspx>

32. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **West Nile virus-carrying mosquito found earlier than usual in Berks County.** A mosquito carrying the West Nile virus was detected earlier than usual in Pennsylvania, the State Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Health said May 10. The mosquito found May 3 in Exeter Township, Berks County, was the earliest detected since State testing began in 2000. The DEP secretary said the virus-carrying insects usually do not show up until June, but 2012's unseasonably warm weather accelerated the cycle. He said DEP staff were monitoring mosquito populations and spraying to reduce the threat to public health.
Source: http://cumberlink.com/news/local/state-and-regional/west-nile-virus-carrying-mosquito-found-earlier-than-usual-in/article_d720964c-9ade-11e1-8b75-0019bb2963f4.html

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Powder scares prompt closure of 3 Conn. buildings.** A government building in Waterbury and two schools in Newington and Manchester, Connecticut, remained closed as authorities investigated suspicious white powders discovered by workers May 10. The Rowland State Government Center in Waterbury and Ruth Chaffee Elementary School in Newington were evacuated, and the Keeney Street Elementary School in Manchester was locked down after workers found white powders. All three buildings were closed May 11. Authorities said the powder at the Manchester school was found in an envelope with a letter that referred to al-Qa'ida. Officials said the powders were being tested.
Source:
http://www.boston.com/news/local/connecticut/articles/2012/05/11/powder_scares_prompt_closure_of_3_conn_buildings/

34. *May 10, WHDH 7 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Mansfield school evacuated after powder found.** Robinson Elementary School in Mansfield, Massachusetts, was evacuated May 10 after a powdery substance contained in a letter was sent to the school. Police said a woman working in the office opened a letter and found a white powder inside. School officials made the decision to evacuate all students. One office worker was transported to a hospital as a precaution, the chief of Mansfield Fire Department said. The state's HAZMAT team was called in. The white powder was found with a typed note containing "nonsensical gripes," according to the chief. It turns out the threat was planned, but it was a harmless substance. A similar incident occurred May 9 at a school in Rowe, Massachusetts. "Overall investigation is being turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This is similar to incidents in other parts of the country," the chief of the Mansfield Police Department said.

Source: <http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/south/12007437945928/mansfield-elementary-school-evacuated-after-powder-found/>

35. *May 10, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Four arrested after bomb and shooting threat at Central Catholic High posted on Facebook.** Police in Stark County, Ohio, arrested four teenagers in connection with a bomb and shooting threat at Central Catholic High School in Canton that was posted on Facebook. The Perry Township Police Department said it first got word of the threat May 9 and officers worked throughout the night to investigate the case. School officials decided to cancel school May 10, and police sent in the Summit County Bomb Squad to sweep the school for any explosives. No explosives were found. Four suspects were charged with breaking and entering and inducing panic. Massillon police said those arrested were not students at the school. The four suspects entered the school and posted the threat message on a Facebook page that was left open by a staff member in a classroom.
Source: http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/oh_stark/four-arrested-after-bomb-and-shooting-threat-at-central-catholic-high-posted-on-facebook

36. *May 10, Bangor Daily News* – (Arkansas; Maine) **University of Maine server hacked, data may have been stolen.** A security breach on one of the University of Maine's servers may have compromised information on people who made purchases through campus-based computer stores at the Orono campus and the University of Arkansas, the university announced in a press release May 10. Early forensic analysis showed information from 2,818 individuals — which included as many as 435 credit card numbers and 1,175 Social Security numbers — was stored on the server. The University of Arkansas had up to 1,007 online-only transaction records on the server, which supported a Web-based tool called Buyers Search Assistant. University of Arkansas officials first learned of the breach April 27 after reading an article believed to have been posted to Softpedia.com by a group of hackers known as Team GhostShell. The post stated the attack was retaliation for a recent law enforcement crackdown on hacking activities.
Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2012/05/10/education/university-of-maine-server-hacked-data-may-have-been-stolen/>

37. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Apparent tornado injures 8 in southeast Texas.** An apparent tornado touched down May 10 in Weimar, Texas, damaging a hospital, derailing 25 cars of a freight train, and injuring 8 people in a high school parking lot. The city emergency management coordinator said the eight injured were working in a trailer preparing food for a fundraiser at Weimar High School. He said their injuries did not appear to be life-threatening. He said the school and a hospital suffered roof damage, forcing 10 patients to be moved to other hospitals. The storm winds also toppled 25 cars of a Union Pacific freight train.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Apparent-tornado-injures-8-in-Southeast-Texas-3550510.php>

38. *May 9, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Hazmat team responds to chemical smell at school.** A chemical smell at a school in Bloomfield, Connecticut, prompted authorities to bring several students to hospitals May 9. A HAZMAT team from the Connecticut

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection was called to the Metacomet School. Bloomfield's mayor said that between 20 and 30 students were taken to hospitals as a precaution.

Source: http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/hartford_cty/hazmat-team-responds-to-chemical-smell-at-school

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *May 11, KOKI 23 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **TFD Hazmat: Mystery illness at jail could be psychosomatic.** The Tulsa County Jail in Tulsa, Oklahoma was back to normal late May 10, after 38 children and adult chaperones on an elementary school field trip suddenly became ill and were treated at an area hospital. The jail was partially evacuated, and visitors were barred from seeing inmates for the rest of the day after the incident occurred. While none of the inmates were affected, some jail nurses and deputies complained of nausea and feeling light-headed. As a result, jail officials did not permit any inmates to be booked into the jail for many hours after the incident. Tulsa Fire Department HAZMAT crews tested the jail again, in the early evening May 10, and they did not find any signs of carbon monoxide in the entire jail. The Tulsa Fire Department HAZMAT captain said people could have been exposed May 9 and not have known it. He said they would rule the event was not a carbon monoxide incident, although a handful of the 38 hospital patients from the Bell Elementary School field trip showed levels of the chemical in their system.

Source: <http://www.fox23.com/content/crime/story/TFD-Hazmat-Mystery-illness-at-jail-could-be/Us4pP0mmrUWy9aNjrrM6JA.cspx>

40. *May 11, St. Joseph News-Press* – (Texas) **Man says attempted Texas police station robbery a joke.** Authorities in Wilmer, Texas, arrested a man who they said attempted to hold up their police station, but the suspect claims it was just a joke, the St. Joseph News-Press reported May 11. Police said the man walked into the Wilmer Police Department building with a towel covering his hands and demanded money from a communications officer at the dispatch window, KTVT 11 Fort Worth reported. He said he would like to check on a warrant, then said, “You do know I have a gun,” the police chief said. The desk officer called for backup and other officers arrived and took the suspect down at gunpoint. Police told KTVT they found the man did not have a weapon. The man was booked on attempted robbery and other charges and was being held at the Dallas County Jail.

Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10713048/man-says-attempted-texas-police-station-robbery-a-joke>

41. *May 10, KCBD 11 Lubbock* – (Texas) **DPS trooper has vehicle stolen after stopping to render aid.** A Texas Department of Safety (DPS) trooper had his vehicle stolen when he stopped to render emergency first aid May 10. A statement from the DPS said a man flagged the trooper down on Interstate 20 near Cisco, Texas, and told him his

wife was having a heart attack. The trooper called for an ambulance, which determined the woman was not actually having a heart attack. Troopers felt the man was acting strangely and got consent to search the vehicle. They found drugs and took him into custody. The DPS said the man slipped out of handcuffs and began to fight the officers. He then jumped into the DPS vehicle and tried to drive away. A trooper and deputy shot the tires of the patrol car and the suspect crashed on I-20 near mile post 228. Officers arrived and the suspect was taken to the Eastland County Jail, the DPS said. Source: <http://www.kcbd.com/story/18264640/dps-trooper-has-vehicle-stolen-after-stopping-to-render-aid>

42. *May 10, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Cincinnati police revising Taser policy.** In light of a recently released scientific study that shows electronic Taser stun guns can cause cardiac arrest and death, the leader of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky's largest police force announced May 10 that the findings concern him and changes are coming to the department's policy on use of the devices. The Cincinnati police chief said the changes should come in about a month. Those could include altering where officers direct the Taser's prongs on a suspect's body, perhaps at the back as opposed to the front, he said. The city's lawyers are reviewing current policy and the article, which was published the week of April 30 in the American Heart Association's premier journal, "Circulation." Source: <http://news.cincinnati.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/AB/20120510/NEWS/305100072/>

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Information Technology Sector

43. *May 11, H Security* – (International) **Opera 11.64 closes critical code execution hole.** Version 11.64 of the Opera Web browser was released, closing a critical hole that could have been exploited by attackers to inject malicious code into a victim's system. According to the company, some undisclosed formulations of URLs caused the browser to allocate the incorrect amount of memory for storing the address. When the program attempted to store the address, unrelated memory could have been overwritten with an attacker's data, resulting in a crash and the execution of arbitrary code. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Opera-11-64-closes-critical-code-execution-hole-1573877.html>

44. *May 11, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cybersecurity model may benefit a new cloud-based network.** In the online struggle for network security, Kansas State University cybersecurity experts are adding an ally to the security force: the computer network itself. Two professors of computing and information sciences are researching the feasibility of building a network that could protect itself against online attackers by automatically changing its setup and configuration. The two researchers were recently awarded a 5-year grant of more than \$1 million from the Air Force Office of Scientific

Research to fund the study “Understanding and quantifying the impact of moving target defenses on computer networks.” The study, which began in April, will be the first to document whether this type of adaptive cybersecurity, called moving-target defense, can be effective. If it can work, researchers will determine if the benefits of creating a moving-target defense system outweigh the overhead and resources needed to build it.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=12911&utm>

45. *May 11, Homeland Security Today* – (National) **Growth of counterfeit parts expected as semiconductor market grows, analysis finds.** The number of counterfeit parts that are vital to the computer industry is expected to reach record high levels as the semiconductor industry enters “a phase of accelerating growth,” according to an analysis of trends conducted by information and analytics provider, IHS. “The semiconductor industry is exhibiting the classic signs of the start of a new growth cycle, with tightening supplies, broad-based price increases and a lengthening of lead times for the delivery of products,” said a principal analyst for semiconductors at IHS. “These are prime conditions for suppliers of counterfeit parts, which are eager to fill supply gaps with their fake goods. For semiconductor purchasers, the rise in counterfeits represents a major risk, bringing downsides in terms of financial losses, damage to company reputations and even safety concerns in some products.” And, security problems that could impact homeland security and national defense, authorities added, pointing to bogus computer chips, other parts and counterfeit products that were supplied to the Department of Defense, many of which were substandard and posed serious safety and security risks for a wide variety of programs and operations.
Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-briefings/single-article/growth-of-counterfeit-parts-expected-as-semiconductor-market-grows-analysis-finds/34ef0f42f2a835b34c7a8f23bad46cca.html>
46. *May 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **APT attackers are increasingly using booby-trapped RTF documents.** Booby-trapped Rich Text Format (RTF) documents are one of the most common types of malicious Microsoft Office files that are used to infect computers with advanced persistent threats, according to security researchers from Trend Micro. The company’s statistics show that 63 percent of the malicious Microsoft Office documents intercepted in April exploited vulnerabilities in Microsoft Word. Out of those vulnerabilities, the most commonly targeted ones were CVE-2010-3333 and CVE-2012-0158, which stem from bugs in Microsoft Word’s code for parsing RTF content. This is troublesome because Microsoft just patched a new Microsoft Word RTF parsing vulnerability May 8 that could allow remote code execution.
Source: <http://www.infoworld.com/d/security/apt-attackers-are-increasingly-using-booby-trapped-rtf-documents-192891>

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

47. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Cable cut interrupts Internet service in Vail.** Most customers were back online May 11 after road workers cut a fiber optic cable, interrupting Internet service to Eagle and Summit counties in Colorado. A Comcast spokeswoman said customers were without service for several hours while a crew worked to fix the line. She told the Vail Daily the company tends to see more interruptions in spring at the start of the construction season.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci_20601367/cable-cut-interrupts-internet-service-vail

48. *May 10, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Earth Link phone service out in Lockport.** Earth Link, a major carrier for many telephone systems in Lockport, New York, reported an outage May 10 in the Lockport area which affected many businesses, including the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, Lockport Police Department, and some Niagara County government offices. The outage affects only administration offices, not the sheriff's emergency phone lines. The 9-1-1 lines remained fully operational. Sheriff's officials said callers may hear the phones ring when calling Earth Link customers, but the calls were not being connected.
Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/communities/lockport/article850870.ece>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *May 11, BankInfoSecurity* – (International) **Online retailer breached.** New York City-based clothing and shoes retailer Opening Ceremony reported a breach of its global online boutique that likely compromised payment card details of customers who purchased products online between February 16 and March 21, according to BankInfo Security May 11. “Unfortunately, the hacker may have accessed the names, addresses, and credit card information of customers who purchased an item on our website during this period,” the Opening Ceremony CEO wrote in a letter sent to affected customers. The CEO said malware was discovered on the e-commerce site March 21 and was immediately removed. Additional security controls also have been added to prevent future attacks.
Source: <http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/online-retailer-breached-a-4756>

50. *May 11, Associated Press; Washington Post* – (Washington D.C.) **Caterer's propane tank explodes at DC museum, seriously burns man.** Washington, D.C. officials said a man was severely burned when a propane tank exploded at the National Building Museum May 10. The Washington Post reported a caterer's propane tank exploded and caused a flash fire inside the building. The newspaper said one man was taken to a hospital with serious burns that could be life-threatening.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/9df86b624c614f43b2fa2399f2330216/DC--Propane-Tank-Explosion/>

51. *May 10, KATU 2 Portland* – (Oregon) **FBI looks into mercury found in parking lot near PDX.** Authorities were trying to figure out how a large amount of mercury was spilled or left in a parking lot of a shopping center May 10 near Portland International Airport in Portland, Oregon. An official with Portland Fire and Rescue initially said about a cup of the liquid was discovered but that was later revised to about 10 pounds. A 50-foot by 30-foot section of the parking lot was contaminated. The FBI was investigating the spill. The fire and rescue official said the Portland Fire HAZMAT coordinator told him it appeared that the mercury was placed there intentionally because there was no container or pieces of a container found nearby that would suggest something had fallen off a truck or that the spill was accidental.

Source: <http://www.katu.com/news/local/FBI-looks-into-mercury-found-in-parking-lot-near-PDX-151020105.html>

52. *May 10, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Envelope marked ‘anthrax’ sent to Port of Portland in another white powder scare.** The FBI was looking into three white powder scares in a 2-day span in Portland, Oregon. May 9, Portland firefighters and HAZMAT crews responded to both ends of the city as two major landmarks reported receiving a letter with a mysterious substance inside. Crews arrived at the Hilton Hotel to isolate the office space and the worker who came in contact with the envelope. It remained open. Crews eventually determined the white powder in the envelope was not dangerous. It was a similar scene at the Port of Portland offices where the word “anthrax” was found on an envelope. At one point, all three floors were evacuated, but the terminals and travel were not affected. Again, tests on the envelope at the Port of Portland also came back negative. May 8, fire and HAZMAT crews responded to the Lloyd Center Mall for another white powder scare. The FBI began investigating the cases to see if they are related.

Source: http://www.kptv.com/story/18248748/white-powder-scares-turn-out-negative?hpt=ju_bn6

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

53. *May 10, Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian* – (Missouri) **Corps of Engineers prepares to renew construction at Birds Point.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began removing 4 vertical feet of temporary barriers along the top of 2 miles of the Birds Point levee May 10. Floodwaters of 61 feet at Cairo, Illinois, in 2011 caused the Corps to breach the levee, inundating 130,000 acres in Mississippi and New Madrid counties to protect areas determined to be at greater risk in Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky. As part of the rebuilding process, collapsible wire mesh containers with heavy fabric liner were used to bring the levee up to 55 feet as an interim measure when reconstruction was discontinued in winter 2011. In consultation with the National Weather Service, the Corps determined river levels and flood risk were low enough that it is safe to remove the barriers, reducing the levee height to 51 feet to make way for contractors to finish the permanent structure. A spokesman for the Corps' Memphis district said the levee should be brought up to 55 feet by "sometime this fall." The Corps is also putting measures in place to decrease the likelihood of the levee being washed away from underneath. Relief wells, 20 to 40 feet deep, will be built into the ground to provide pressure relief and contain seepage. Slurry trenches will be created to block water from penetrating the ground. Two additional detonation sites continue to be under construction; the center crevasse near Seven Island Conservation Area and the lower crevasse near Donaldson Point Conservation Area. All three are planned for completion by winter, according to Corps project updates.

Source: <http://www.semmissourian.com/story/1847514.html>

54. *May 9, Auburn Reporter* – (Washington) **County to replace worn levee in northeast Auburn.** King County, Washington officials said the Reddington levee on the Green River in northeast Auburn is not up to current design and construction standards, the Auburn Reporter reported May 9. The manager of the River and Floodplain Management Section of the county said, "In terms of its construction, we know it's not adequate." The levee is located on the river side of a former channel that is now a wetland. While the levee keeps the flood within the channel, it cuts off the wetland that stores the water, backing it up and flooding the adjacent area. Devastating flooding impacts, the manager said, are possible if a flood exceeds the channel capacity through that section of river. The county plans to start the \$12 million Reddington Levee Setback and Extension Project in late 2012, which will increase channel capacity by moving the setback away from the river, and building the levee west of the wetland. The flow containment capacity of the system will increase beyond its current 12,000 cubic feet per second and will extend its length more than a mile. County officials said they will protect 321 residential properties, 275 commercial properties, and 964 structures in Auburn and the county after completion.

Source: <http://www.auburn-reporter.com/news/150875695.html>

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